being pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of the aircraft.

Manpower planning in ordnance factories

1278. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned manpower strength and existing manpower of ordnance factories factory-wise and category-wise break up thereof;

(b) the average age of employees in non-gazetted category;

(c) the age profile of industrial and non-industrial employees specially in the range of 40-50 and 50-55 years; and

(d) the manpower planning for next 10 years in the ordnance factories, keeping in view the age profile of the employees, new technology infusion and long term production planning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Armed Forces Tribunal Bench at Hyderabad

1279. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would establish Armed Forces Tribunal Bench at Hyderabad for the convenience of massive Armed Personnel and in view of the fact that Hyderabad is having the largest representation of the Armed Forces personnel with several Army Core Head Quarters; various Military units and Army Formations including Air Force Academy at Dundigal (Hyderabad); strategically important Air Force Harkeempet and Air Force begumpet; biggest Eastern Command Naval Head Quarters (Visakhapatnam) and Air Force Flying units at Bidar; and

(b) if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007 (No. 55 of 2007) provides adequately for coverage of defence personnel and Ex-servicemen in the Southern States, as also from elsewhere in India. No decision has been taken as yet by the Government with regard to setting up of Regional Benches of the Tribunal.

Increase in temperature of Arctic Ocean

1280. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the temperature of Arctic Ocean has been increasing rapidly;